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Readers' RESPONSE

To the Editor:

One thing distresses me about the *Evangel* that perhaps has become a necessity; that is the advertisements, especially those that encourage churches to buy and sell items to raise funds for their churches. It may be a biased opinion, but I am a firm believer in depending on God for all manner of funds that need to be raised. —MRS. LUCY BENNETT Hialeah, Fla.

To the Editor:

There are many of us in California who would like for you to compile a book of your editorials; they are such a blessing. I still have the July 15, 1957 *Evangel* on the night table for reading. "Revelation by Conversation" was your title that week; I feel God spoke through that article. Many since then have been of the same quality and if they were in one volume for quick reading in the morning and night, I believe they would be of untold value. Your consideration to this will be appreciated and our prayers are for the continued growth of the *Evangel*. —MRS. RALPH E. WILLIAMS Fresno, Calif.

To the Editor:

I received the April 14 issue of the *Evangel* and have read it through in its entirety.

Kentucky readers from many sources have complimented your editorials in the *Evangel*. We appreciate them very much. George Britt's articles have rated many favorable compliments, also. The notices of the *Evangel* have been nice. In the Readers' Response, I note you publish criticism as well as compliments. That is to be appreciated. —T. A. PERKINS Lexington, Ky.

To the Editor:

I should like to tell you of my appreciation for the *Evangel*. I really enjoy reading the *Evangel* more now than at any other time I can think of and I have been a reader of the paper for about 15 years. I especially enjoy the editorials as I find them both interesting and sound and, very needy messages for our times. I also enjoy the other articles such as those on prophecy by Brother Britt and on ministerial ethics by Brother Paulk.

—ROBERT A. TAYLOR

Jefferson, Iowa

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1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible. 2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor. 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins. 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ. 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost. 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people. 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart. 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost. 10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. 11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement. 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet. 13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years. 14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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How Does

Light Affect You?

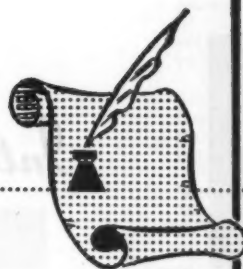
ONE RECENT SUMMER some friends and I made a tour of a famous scenic attraction—deep, exotically beautiful subterranean caverns. Deep into the earth we went, through one huge cavern after another, beholding scenes of overwhelming splendor. Indescribable beauty is buried there far below the surface of the earth.

However, neither of the stalagmites that reared themselves grotesquely from the cavern floors, nor the stalactites that clung like petrified icicles to the lofty ceilings, impressed me as much as something that was not even supposed to be an attraction. It was a fish! A goldfish. What had once been a goldfish, anyway. This fish had been placed in a pool far back in the caverns, where it lived in its cool waters in absolute darkness. Quite infrequently it saw the dull gleam of a guide's flashlight, or the brief glow of a soft display light—but then there was pitch darkness again. When the guide turned his flashlight into the pool and showed us the "goldfish" I marveled that its gold was almost all gone! Instead of being gold it was turning to a chalky white. Our guide explained that the darkness had caused it, and that the sun would restore its golden beauty.

Outside the caverns the flowers were a multicolored flame of beauty as they tossed in the blazing sunlight; the trees and the lawns were decked with rich, lush green. And the goldfish was fading away in the dark.

Recently I looked with regret at a faded, bleached book jacket that had once been a livid red, but now was a sickly grey, slightly speckled with a nauseous pink. What had happened? The jacket had been exposed to the sun and its beauty had disappeared. Exposure to the sunlight gave the living leaves and grass and flowers richness of color, and it would have restored the fish's color—yet it had ruined the book jacket by stripping it of its bright color. You see, the grass and leaves and the flowers and the fish were alive, throbbingly alive, and the jacket was dead.

Living things not only are able to endure the light, but they actually flourish in, and have their beauty enhanced by it. Whereas, the fierce light bleaches inanimate or dead or artificial objects. Note this care-



The Editor's Message

fully: light preserves LIVING color and destroys ARTIFICIAL color.

The light of the gospel is like that. Those who have genuine, Christian life exult in the power of the gospel, for it adds depth and richness to their spiritual color. They are real, and their lives are beautiful. Recently I was told of a gentle mother by her adoring daughter, a mature, intelligent librarian: "I have never seen anyone read any current book of any type with more earnestness than my mother read her Bible. Even though I knew she had read every passage in it time and again, I was constantly amazed at the way her face would light up as she read."

Do you read the Bible with verve equal to that which you read the news, the current best sellers, the reading fare you consume? Does the gospel thrill you? Does the name of Jesus excite and exalt you? Does correction help you and make you better? Do you ever hold your own life up before your personal inspection so it can be improved?

Or—does the light dazzle you, annoy you, hurt you, strip you of your sham and artificiality? Does the light of the gospel reveal you less beautiful when it is focused on you, or does it enhance and enrich your beauty by revealing the true depth of your spiritual color? If the gospel robs you of your beauty, perhaps it was never real; if the presence of Christ does not give you more zest and life, perhaps you have no spiritual life to begin with. Remember, the glorious, heavenly light will enrich living color, and cast aside artificial color.

Then, too, the beauty of the living soul must remain in the light or lose itself. Hidden away in the black recesses of the caverns, the little fish had faded away, had lost its one distinguishing mark. So will darkness rob you if you are alive in Christ. You must remain in the light!

Do not be afraid to expose yourself to the light of God! If you are alive in Him, it will give you added beauty. If you are dead to genuine spirituality, He will give you life. If you have played in the darkness until your spiritual beauty is gone, expose yourself to Him and He will restore you.



International Pentecostal Assemblies

By L. Sigsbee Miller, D.D.

Secretary

THE INTERNATIONAL Pentecostal Assemblies is successor to the Association of Pentecostal Assemblies, founded March 14, 1921, by the Reverend Mrs. Elizabeth A. Sexton, her daughter, the late Dr. Hattie M. Barth, and the Reverend Paul T. Barth; and the National and International Pentecostal Missionary Union founded in 1914 by Dr. Philip Wittich.

These two groups were founded in the days of the great outpouring of the Holy Ghost, when faith was strong and hunger for God's Word was most sincere. In 1936 these two associations amalgamated under the name of International Pentecostal Assemblies, and have, by God's leadings, sought to follow in the same path. We were then, and still are, of the opinion that it is not machinery that we need, but God; the Holy Ghost to guide Spirit-filled men to follow God's revelation for the age in which we live, that we be of one heart and spirit, that those to whom we minister shall be prepared for the kingdom to come.

We are most charitable toward all who seek the leading of the Holy Spirit in full reality. We are a cooperative fellowship and believe that on a true fellowship basis, God's people can and will take the full gospel message to the ends of the earth.

We are, and have been from the beginning, a member of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. We are also a member of the National Association of Evangelicals.

The *Bridegroom's Messenger* is the official organ of the International Pentecostal Assemblies, and we believe it to be one of the oldest, if not the oldest, Pentecostal publications in print today. It was started in 1907 in Atlanta, Georgia, by the Barths, and was edited by Dr. Hattie Barth until her death in 1956. We have an efficient operating force in both the home and foreign missions fields. We greatly desire that the missionary cause of our Lord Jesus Christ be promoted

in all lands; that efficient methods be used in our organization, and that an interorganization cooperation be developed that pleases the Master, for the benefit of the millions who have never heard the gospel story or tasted its miracle-working power.

The Executive Board consists of:

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Our Bible schools are:

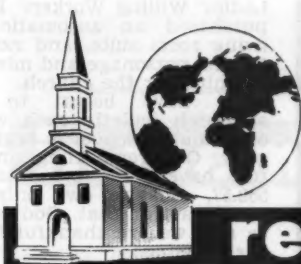
Beulah Heights Bible Institute, Atlanta, Georgia

We believe this school to be one of the oldest Pentecostal Bible schools presently in operation. It was founded by the Barths in the early 1900's and has sent preachers, missionaries and Christian workers to all parts of the earth.

The William Carter Bible College and Evangelical Theological Seminary, Goldsboro, North Carolina

This also is one of our graduate colleges. It is located at Seminary Park in Goldsboro, North Carolina. While this college is not so old, it has grown very rapidly under the direction of Dr. Wm. Howard Carter, its founder and president. It is both nationally and internationally recognized as a standard college.

While our organization is small and our churches and ministers comparatively few, we are happy to be associated and identified with the great Pentecostal movement that is sweeping over the world today.



reports

New Church Building at Hilliard



HILLIARD, Fla.—The above picture was made in the interior of the new church building at Hilliard, Florida, at the time Brother Stone resigned from the Hilliard Church of God to take the pastorate of the Hillcrest Church of God in Jacksonville, Florida. Pictured from left to right are: Mrs. A. Stone, the Reverend A. Stone, the Reverend and Mrs. W. W. Dykes who accepted the pastorate of the Hilliard Church and are still serving the church very efficiently.

The new building was dedicated last June. The Reverend A. M. Phillips, our very able, consecrated and dedicated state overseer, brought the dedicational message. As usual, Brother Phillips brought a soul-stirring message. In part he said, "In this building you can find soul cure for the ills of this evil world, soul rest for those who are troubled. Inside this house you may pause to pray and find Jesus, the

prayer-answerer. Men may come and find glorious victories inside this house of God."

Oh, that men everywhere could catch this vision portrayed so realistically by our inspiring state overseer!

Brother Stone deserves much credit for the beautiful new building. He gave of his time and money to advance the building program. At the time he left the church the building was almost free of debt.

—*Essie Crews, reporter*

Parsonage Purchased in Selma

SELMA, Calif.—The Church of God in Selma is moving forward in its expansion program with the purchase of a two-story, eight-room frame dwelling to be used for the church parsonage. The parsonage property, 62 x 137, has a

garage and is next to the property of the church, making the property a block wide. This brings the value of the church to \$20,000.

The parsonage is being paid for and furnished by the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band at \$35 per month. Sister H. B. Glenn is the president.

The pastor is Rev. H. B. Glenn who has been here since July 1957. During this time the Lord has been richly blessing. We had an average of 84 in December, reaching an all-time high of 160 in Sunday School attendance. The church has recently conducted 2 revivals with 32 saved and 9 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church is sponsoring a Junior Lamplighters Club. Brother William Londagin is the counselor and a Junior service is conducted each week with much interest from the children as they learn the Word of God, singing, and devotion. Remember us in prayer. —*Wm. Londagin, reporter*

District Convention Is Inspirational

SOUTH UNION, Wash.—The Kelso district convention was held at South Union Church of God, Washington, on February 21, 22. God blessed continually throughout the convention. The conviction spirit was heavy in the Friday night service as Brother Norman Jones, of Salem, Oregon, brought a message, "I Saw the Wicked Buried That Had Come and Gone From the Place of the Holy." Many received a greater burden for souls.

On Saturday morning, Brother Jesse L. Smith, from Albany, Oregon, spoke on "Depths in God." Brother Moore, Overseer of Washington, taught on Church of God doctrine. We were stirred to find a closer walk with God. Our state youth director, Brother Paul Hooker, spoke in the afternoon service on "The Certain Man," and the Ladies' Willing Workers' Band concluded with special singing and a short inspiring message by Sister Alice Pranger, from Auburn, Washington. The Ladies' Willing Workers' Band served two nice meals.

The evening service was outstanding also as God showered His blessing. Brother Ronnie Helton, home from Hawaii, brought the message and told us of how God is moving in the Islands. We felt the Spirit of God moving us to help more than ever.

Special singing, shouts of praise and showers of blessings warned Satan we had "prayed through." We are looking forward to the youth camp and camp meeting, expecting great things of God.

—*Logan Harris, pastor*



Teachers' Training Course Given

PULASKI, Va.—The Church of God in Pulaski, Virginia and its Sunday School faculty has just completed Workers' Training Course No. 3. The course was taught by a well-qualified instructor, Mrs. John A. Sanders, who has had many years of experience as a schoolteacher. The course was well-attended with the enrollment reaching 48. Along with the regular attendance there were some who sat in while the course was being

taught. Knowing that our teachers are seeking further training in order to perform God's work better makes us very proud of our staff and the work which is being performed daily by every individual. The lecture method was chosen as the most effective way in which to teach this course.

Sitting in the first row, number 1 on the left, is the pastor, Rev. Fred D. Hopkins, and number 5 from left is the instructor, Mrs. John A. Sanders.

—Sanford Hopkins, reporter

God Sends Pastor to Discouraged Church

GROVELAND, Fla.—Last May we were without a pastor and were very much discouraged. The church decided we were not praying enough, so we began to pray to God to send us a pastor. One Sunday morning when we gathered at church, a strange car drove up and Brother and Sister Heaston came in the church, saying our overseer sent them to us. We certainly are grateful for them and we praise God that He chose them for Groveland. It seems they knew just how to take hold and help us pray. They certainly have the church at heart.

The next thing was to get them a place to live. As houses were very scarce we rented them a trailer. We were promised a house by the middle of June, which would be after camp meeting. Brother Heaston met with the members and friends of the church and decided to try to work it out some way that we could build a parsonage. God answered prayer and after camp meeting the men started working. It seems one thing and another hindered, but with the help of our good district pastor, Brother R. P. Culpepper, of Linden, and the men and friends of the churches, we

completed it. We are very proud of the parsonage.

The church bought a bedroom suite, kitchen stove and refrigerator. A furniture man who is a friend of the church donated a nice three-piece living room suite, end table, coffee table and lamp. A brother of the church gave a nice five-piece dinette set. We do praise the Lord for it, because it is just through His mercy that these things were accomplished. We want everyone to help us pray that souls will be saved.

—Reporter

Church Remodeled; New Furniture Purchased

PAMPA, Tex.—We have been doing so much work here that we would like to tell everyone about it. In July of last year Brother and Sister Rodgers were sent to us as our new pastor. We have all worked together these eight months and the church certainly shows the results. We have made 3 new Sunday School rooms, and bought new folding chairs for 6 of our 10 classes. All the church has been painted inside and out. We have put hardwood flooring in our auditorium and remodeled our platform. The

Ladies' Willing Workers' Band has purchased an automatic washer, living room suite, and extra chair for the parsonage and mimeograph machine for the church.

We have begun to publish a church bulletin each week and our Sunday School is beginning to grow. Our remodeling and furniture have come to a total of \$3,558.57, and we owe only a very small part of that. God is good to us and we are thankful for all of His blessings.

—Billee Laramore, reporter

ARE YOU PREPARING FOR YOUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL? YOU SHOULD BE!

When one realizes that out of 168 hours in the week only one-half hour is given to teaching the Word of God in Sunday School, he readily understands how very important and essential a *Vacation Bible School* is to a local church. If properly planned and conducted, a V.B.S. can be one of the most fruitful phases of a local church's evangelistic program.

Already your church should have chosen its V.B.S. director and staff. If you have not selected your staff, please do so immediately so they will have ample time to study, pray and prepare. After your V.B.S. staff is appointed, they should meet immediately to plan the school and to arrange for its wide advertising.

The National Sunday School and Youth Board recommends *night* V.B.S. sessions for those churches which find a conflict in their schedules for day classes. The Board also strongly recommends classes for adults in V.B.S.'s conducted at night.

In the event the month of June (V.B.S. month) is too filled with other activities such as camp meeting, youth camps, etc., it is recommended, if at all possible, that V.B.S.'s (*night or day sessions*) be held during the month of May.

The V.B.S. course for 1958 is "Exploring God's Wonders." Order your sample packet *today* (only \$3.15) for adequate preparation. Also order your *free* 1958 V.B.S. guidebook. Both of these may be ordered from the Church of God Publishing House, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee.

—O. W. Polen
National Youth Director



LAND

Mrs. Eliza Land, 78, passed on to her reward on February 16, 1958. She had been a faithful mother, soldier, servant, saint, and minister in the Church of God. She was a great inspiration to all who knew her and her life helped many to have faith in God.

Sister Land had been a teacher of the ladies' class since the church was established at Palmer, Tennessee.

Surviving are her husband, Byron Land, 6 daughters, Mrs. Arthur Green, Mrs. Robert Grimes, Mrs. Henry Turner, Mrs. John Tate, and Mrs. Bedford Gilson, all of Palmer, and Mrs. T. V. Holman, Dallas, Texas; 3 sons, Will and Roy Land, both of Palmer, and Elmer Land, Harvey, Illinois; 39 grandchildren and 71 great grandchildren; 2 sisters and 2 brothers.

Funeral services were held February 18 at the Palmer Church of God with the Reverend Winslow Davenport and the Reverend W. T. Morefield officiating. Her body was laid to rest in Fall Creek Cemetery to await the resurrection. Her relatives and friends shall long cherish precious memories of the faithfulness and kindness of this saint of God.

—Nann Davenport, reporter

PUGH

Little Gary Wayne Pugh, age 3, of Willoughby, Ohio, died March 10, 1958 after a sudden illness. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Glenn Pugh, 1 brother, 1 sister, and a host of relatives and friends. His funeral was conducted at the South Cleveland Church of God in Cleveland, Tennessee, with the Reverend W. M. Wood and the Reverend Calvin Wigley officiating. Burial was in the Hillcrest Cemetery. He is greatly missed by all who knew him, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

—Reporter

TEAGUE

On March 11, 1958, Brother John Franklin Teague fell asleep in Jesus. He was born April 19, 1891, son of the late James K. and Hester Anne Teague.

His funeral was held at the Pelzer, South Carolina, Church of God.

His body was laid to rest in the community cemetery to await the coming of our Lord and the resurrection of the saints.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, 1 son, 2 daughters, 1 sister, 3 grandchildren and a host of friends.

On December 8, 1929, Brother Zeno C. Tharp came to Pelzer and in the humble home of Sister Hulda Hopkins set the Church of God in order. Brother Teague, his wife, and 6 others were the charter members. The little church struggled along in homes for 4 years, when a small frame building was erected. Now the Church of God in Pelzer has a beautiful brick building with a large membership. Brother Teague's music and singing have brought joy to innumerable people and he has played a great part in the victory of the church here.

—Mrs. Willie Waters, reporter

PENFIELD

Gertrude Penfield, 75, wife of B. L. Penfield, and for over 20 years a faithful member of the Church of God, passed away February 20, 1958, at her home in Lemmon, South Dakota, after a long illness.

She is survived by her husband, 2 sons, 1 daughter, 12 grandchildren, and 19 great grandchildren. Her daughter, Mrs. W. C. (Fae) Dyer is a minister and evangelist in the Church of God.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Reverend Glynndon Logsdon and her body was laid to rest in Greenhill Cemetery at Lemmon.

—Gertrude Kile, reporter

BAIRD

The Reverend Joshua Baird, 85, retired Church of God minister, departed this life October, 1957. He was a native of Campbell County, Tennessee, and had lived in the Akron, Ohio, vicinity for the past 9 years. He pastored churches in the following places: Elk Valley, Tennessee; Salem, Indiana; and Akron, Ohio. He built the church in Salem, Indiana. One of his life's greatest works was in the hospital just before his death. He quoted many Scripture verses as the doc-

tors and nurses gathered around his bed. All were weeping as his soul winged its flight to the world on high where there is peace and rest for the pure. Brother Baird's favorite song was "I'm just another wayworn pilgrim, plodding toward Jerusalem, looking for a happy home in heaven, far beyond the valleys dim. I have nothing but my faith in Jesus and His everlasting grace, but I know that ere the sun is sinking, I will have a resting place." He is survived by 6 daughters, 6 sons, 37 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, 2 brothers and 2 sisters.

—Rev. Doyle Stanfield, reporter

MERCER

Brother W. Vann Mercer, age 75, departed this life on February 24, 1958, from his home near Chadbourn, North Carolina. He was a faithful member of the Wards Station Church of God.

He was converted early in life, thus having an opportunity to give many years of service to God and the Church. His work as a lay minister and member of the Church of God was very valuable in the beginning of several of our churches. The only regret we have is that we had to suffer such great loss for heaven to gain.

Funeral services were conducted at the Wards Station Church of God on February 26, with the Reverend Kenneth E. Rouse, pastor, officiating; the Reverend Harvey Penny, former pastor, and the Reverend A. M. Stephens assisting.

Brother Mercer is survived by his wife, 4 sons, 5 daughters, 1 brother and 42 grandchildren. —Reporter

BENNETT

Mrs. Jannie J. Bennett, age 75, departed this life January 29. She was a devoted member of the Church of God at Mt. Dora, Florida, where her son T. Z. Bennett is pastor.

She is survived by another son, Archie E. Bennett, of Jacksonville; 3 daughters, Hattie Lue Jordan, Emma Bell Chitty, of Lakeland, and Maggie Mae Linton, of Plant City; one brother, Ace Caraway, of Tarpon Springs; 23 grandchildren and other relatives, besides a host of friends.

She received the Holy Ghost May 22, 1949, and remained faithful until death. Her friendly words and cheerful smiles inspired all who met her. We know our loss is heaven's gain. We expect to meet her again on the day of the resurrection.

—Mrs. Bertha Bennett, reporter

testimonies

Holy Ghost Has Been Great Blessing in Life for Many Years

HAZLEHURST, Ga. — I truly thank Jesus because I have been redeemed by His blood. I thank Him for the good Holy Ghost I received when I was 12 years old. I am 48 now and He is still precious and sweet to me today. I am so happy that I am still serving Jesus and so glad I accepted Him in my youth. When I think about that part of my life that has passed, I wonder what I would have done without Jesus in my soul. He has kept me through persecution and trials. Let me speak to you young people who are living for Jesus. Hold out faithful, for Jesus will keep you from the evils of this sinful world. The devil has many traps set for young people today that would be the ruin of their lives and souls. Do pray and hold to Jesus' unchanging hand.

I don't have the privilege of going to church very often, but I am so glad I'm living for Jesus. I still pray much for the upbuilding of my church and for my pastor, family, and brothers and sisters in the Lord. I feel the need of God's children to band together in prayer as they never have before. Praise His wonderful name. I praise Jesus for His healing power, for I know He can heal. I want all who read this to pray a special prayer for me that the dear Lord will heal my body of stomach trouble and that a way will be opened for me to attend church. —Sister Viola Hand

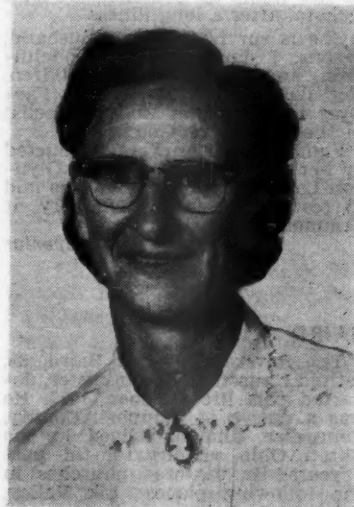
Jesus Has Been a Special Friend Throughout Many Years

CORDOVA, Ala.—I love the *Evangel* and read it over and over. It is a blessing to me. I am a widow and live alone and it is so lonesome with no one to talk to, but God is good to me and I love Him and want to serve Him in the beauty of holiness. Jesus is a real, living

Saviour to me. Many times I feel His presence so real it is like someone standing by me. He has been my Friend many years. He has been with me in trouble and sickness, and when death came into my home He was there to help me. Surely there is no friend so great as He. Truly I mean to live true and humble before Him so when this life is over He will be there to receive my spirit and carry me to the place He has prepared for them that love Him and keep His commandments. There we shall have angels for company, praise His holy name. I should like for my friends to write to me. My address is Mrs. Minnie Thomason, Cordova, Alabama. May God bless and may His Spirit go with the *Evangel* and make it a blessing wherever it goes.

—Mrs. Minnie Thomason

God Wrought a Miracle in My Life



HIGH POINT, N. C.—I do want to sound a note of praise to such a wonderful Saviour and Lord Jesus.

For twenty years my health had

been really bad. I was never free of pain one whole day at a time. The doctors said there was nothing that could be done except go to the hospital. Finally, in 1942 I went to the hospital in High Point and had seven operations in one and had three blood transfusions, but that did not seem to do me very much good. I still had to take medicine every day or shots for my blood. In 1944, I was back in the hospital, where I had another operation, this time for a different thing. I had to have three more blood transfusions. I still was not much better, and still had to take medicine all the time. In 1950, I was back in the hospital for the same operation that I had in 1944. This time I was so low that they could not even put me to sleep and had to operate with me awake. I really believed my time had come. They called my relatives in; when I saw my sister I knew they did not think I would make it, but I know now that the hand of God was upon me. I realize the Lord was with me and He had a reason to save my life. At this time my blood was down to 36. I had seven more transfusions, and I was sent home with very little hope that I would ever be any better, and that I would have to take medicine all my life.

I kept dragging on and taking medicine every day until 1954. I got so bad that I had to go back to the hospital for the same operation I had in 1944 and 1950. This was the third operation for the same thing. By this time I was almost a complete nervous wreck, but I just kept on serving the devil and had to keep on taking medicine.

On December 19, 1955, my husband had a heart attack and died suddenly. I felt my world had come to an end. At this time my only son was in the army. I began to take dope and just lived with my mouth full of snuff; the only time I had the stuff out of my mouth was to eat. I had been a "snuff-eater" for 24 years. I could not sleep at night unless I took enough dope to put me to sleep. Many nights it would begin to break dawn before I could even doze. My son and daughter begged me to go to my sister's home in West Virginia and stay a while. I believe now that they thought I was going crazy, and I suppose I was, for the enemy had such a hold on me I believe I was really demon-possessed.

By this time I was taking \$8.50 worth of highly doped medicine a week besides about a dozen aspirins a day. My son that was in the army was sent overseas to Germany. This was just one month and nine days after my husband died and I really thought that would be the end for me. I felt I just could not go on, but the hand of God was still over

my life. Oh, glory to God, things changed for me and now I look back and thank God that even though the devil had me bound, the Lord saw fit to reach out and deliver me.

For over six years I had worked with a Church of God member, Sister Lillie Mae Prosses. She kept asking me to come to the Church of God, but I just kept making excuses to her. I felt that there was no use in trying to go or do anything. She said she kept praying for me, and she asked her pastor, Brother Harold F. Douglas, to visit me. One day he came to see me and asked me if I minded his having a word of prayer for me.

At that time I had a mouth full of snuff, but when he prayed, I knew that if I ever got any help it would be from the Lord. I began thinking about where I was standing and how lost I was; I realized that I really did need God's help, that He alone could do me any good. I had tried every other thing and it had failed, so I made up my mind then and there that if God would save me after I had served sin and the devil so long, I would put my whole life in His hands. Brother and Sister George Rogers came by and took me to the East Commerce Street Church of God, and that night I knelt at an old-fashioned altar for prayer. Oh, glory to God, He rolled the burden of sin away, healed my body, and delivered me from the snuff habit. I have not wanted any more. Since that time I have not taken a drop of medicine or any aspirins, not even one dose of anything. God instantly healed me. That happened April 8, 1956. That was over 2 years ago and I am still healed. Since then I have been sanctified and baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost, baptized in water and added to the great Church of God.

I can truly say that since getting saved, I have really just started to live. I now feel better; I enjoy life more; I am happier than I have ever been. This year was the first camp meeting I ever attended, and I really did enjoy it.

God has done so much for me. I want to spend the rest of my life praising Him and trying to win souls to Him.

—Ella Mabe
Attested by Harold F. Douglas

Healed After Nervous Breakdown

HURST, Texas—I should like to report some of the good things God is doing for us here at the Church of God at Hurst.

Our church has been finished only three months, and God is surely rewarding our efforts for Him.

We had our church dedication December 1, 1957. Since that time

new people have been coming in and testifying of being blessed and healed of God.

Last week a dear sister had a terrible nervous breakdown. She couldn't let her best friends come into her room. After some hours had passed the pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister T. J. O'Neal, were invited into her home. They prayed and touched heaven for her and left her an anointed cloth to wear. Praise be unto God, the Lord healed her and she was in Sunday School and church that very Sunday, testifying how the devil tempted her to use her butcher knife and end her troubles. She felt there was nothing to live for, but she said, "Praise God, when God sent Brother and Sister O'Neal and they prayed for me, I knew there was life, for I was healed."

There were several others that week who were healed and testified to their healing.

We are praising God for His wonderful healing power and for the good mellow spirit that prevails throughout each of our services here at Hurst. We are asking every person to pray for us that we will win many new souls for God here in this new territory.

—Sister Hurshel King,
church reporter

"The Lord Is Our Healer"

SPRAGUE, W. Va.—I want to testify for my Saviour and try to tell what He means to me. I know I could never tell with words just what I feel in my soul. I praise Him for salvation. I am not writing my testimony to be boasting, but I trust that whoever reads this may be blessed. When I was called into the ministry I was working, and the devil told me my family would starve if I quit work, and I preached only a few messages. I did not trust God and I backslid. You who know the Lord, don't ever turn and look back to this old world. It is dangerous to go back and you will be enticed into things you never did before. If the Lord tells you to do a thing, you had better do it, for in the days to come you will reap what-ever you sow.

I do praise Him because He was so merciful to me and took me back. I thank Him that He called me to preach the gospel. Please pray for me that I will be shown by the Holy Ghost just which place He wants me to go and that many souls will be saved. I am sure Jesus is coming soon and I want to be ready.

I am glad the Lord is our healer. Sometimes we testify and say we trust the Lord for everything and then when we get sick we don't trust Him. Jesus will do just what

He said He would. I pray that all of us will trust Him for the healing of our bodies. If ever there was a time we need to be serious about a thing, it is now. God help us as the Church of God to believe more and trust Him for everything.

Please pray for my unsaved children. I have 11 children and 7 are at home. I have 2 boys that are in service. Pray that God will protect them. One is overseas; pray for his soul; the other is still in the States. He began praying before he left home. Please pray that he will continue to do so. Pray for my husband. I am left with the children, but I do praise the Lord that He has kept us and supplied our needs. I cannot praise Him enough for the way He has blessed us. Pray that I will always continue in the will of the Lord, that my family will always have a way to be in the house of God, and that I will be the mother that I should be. Also pray for Brother McDaniel and his wife. They are two wonderful people. Pray for our church here at Sprague that many souls will be added. Pray for the Church of God at Eccles where Brother Kises is the pastor. They are starting a revival soon; pray that many souls will be saved during this revival.

—Mrs. Beulah Scalf

God Heals Child of Influenza

MASON, Mich.—I enjoy the *Evangel* so much that I don't want to miss a one. I've been getting it almost two years. It certainly is a faith-builder to me. I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with heaven's Holy Ghost. We are serving a great God and a wonderful Saviour. He has healed my children at different times. One of my little boys was very sick with the influenza. At one time his little eyes were set, looking toward heaven. I knew something must be done, so I started praying for him. He had not eaten a thing in two or three days, but by evening the day I prayed for him he was eating. About an hour after I prayed he said, "Mama, I want some milk." Truly, the Lord cares for us. Pray that my husband will be saved and that I will be a living witness for the Lord wherever I may go. There is not a Church of God of our faith in Mason. Pray for me that I will stand true to the Lord.

—Mrs. Geneva Lewis

A right act strikes a chord that extends through the whole universe, touches all moral intelligence, visits every world, vibrates along its whole extent, and conveys its vibrations to the very bosom of God!—T. Binney.

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Fourteen Saved in Revival

ST. CHARLES, Va.—We were recently blessed with a good revival which ended March 9. Fourteen were saved, 4 sanctified, 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost and 3 added to the Church. The Reverend James I. Marshall was the evangelist.

—E. C. St. John, pastor

God's Power Present Each Night

LAVONIA, Ga.—On February 4 we began a revival here at the Lavonia Church of God with the Reverend C. H. Chambley as the evangelist. The revival continued for about 3 weeks with God's power present each night to stir saints and convict sinners. Brother Chambley brought great messages which helped the people to see the nearness of our Lord's coming. Twenty-eight were saved, a number sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost and 6 united with the Church. The sick were healed. Any church would be blessed to have Brother Chambley for a revival.

—Roy Horton, pastor

Church Greatly Blessed

MALVERN, Ark.—We have just closed a seven-night revival with the Reverend Floyd L. Ramsey, pastor of Monroe, Louisiana, as the evangelist. Seven were saved, 4 sanctified, and 3 filled with the Holy Ghost. The church was greatly blessed. May all the honor, praise, and glory go to the name of our lovely Lord.

—Carl E. Cody, pastor

Young People Blessed in Revival

WEBSTER, Fla.—The Church of God at Linden enjoyed the best revival they have had in ten years. This is the statement of the members and former pastor. It began January 9, and was planned to continue for ten nights with Brother Archie Frier doing the preaching. The interest kept growing; therefore, it continued for three weeks.

Twenty were saved, 12 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 12 united with the Church. The second week after the revival services closed, on Sunday night, 2 more were saved, 2 sanctified, and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost. The following Sunday night, 3 more received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We rejoice to say that all these concerned were young people, 8 through 18 years of age. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ," 1 Corinthians 15:57. We have had cottage prayer meetings in someone's home one night every week since the revival.

—R. P. Culpepper, pastor

Sunday School Attendance Record Broken

ARDMORE, Okla.—The Ardmore Church of God has just closed a nine-night revival with Eugene Maddox, district pastor, doing the preaching. Twenty-six were saved, 15 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, 18 added to the Church, and there are 30 to be baptized in water. This is one of the greatest revivals in the history of the church at Ardmore. They have also broken all records in Sunday School attendance and the outlook is really bright. The Reverend R. A. Marshall is the pastor.

—G. W. Hodges
Overseer of Oklahoma

Twenty-five Saved in Mentor

MENTOR, Ohio—I wish to report that the Church of God in Mentor, Ohio, has just had an outstanding revival with Brother Henry Eldridge of Dante, Virginia. Twenty-five were saved, 4 sanctified, 4 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 9 baptized in water and 11 added to the Church. We are praising God for His great blessings.

—Mary E. Blom, pastor

Power of God Falls in Joplin

JOPLIN, Mo.—We just closed a revival at Joplin that people said was the greatest and most spiritual in a long, long time.

Our evangelist was Howard W. Dill, truly a spiritual, consecrated young man.

The power of God fell at times as it must have in early Pentecost. The last night of the revival the auditorium was almost packed. The people said it was the largest crowd since the dedication of the building. Besides some who testified to being healed, we had 10 saved, 3 sanctified, and 1 baptized with the Holy Ghost. We certainly recommend Brother Dill to any church needing a revival.

—Rev. Joseph E. Cox, pastor

Minister Is Great Blessing With Preaching and Singing

CARTWRIGHT, Tenn.—We have just closed a one-week revival at the Church of God in Cartwright, during the month of January. Brother J. D. Bishop is the pastor. Brother Walter T. Stafford of Clinton, North Carolina, was the evangelist. We had a wonderful revival, with 21 experiences. Brother Stafford did some wonderful preaching and singing. He has been a blessing to our church. He will bless your church, too. We look forward to having him back with us in the near future.

—Laura Rains, clerk

Church Has Greatest Revival

ASHLAND, Ohio—We recently had the greatest revival in the history of the Church of God at Ashland, Ohio. It was a three-week revival and closed February 23. Sixteen were saved, 21 were sanctified, 21 received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, 16 joined the Church and several were definitely healed.

Heaven really came down in a wonderful way; throughout the meeting a great spirit of love, unity, and willingness prevailed. We feel a deep debt of gratitude, love, and appreciation for our fine evangelist, Sister Gertrude Patrick. The congregation was swayed by the anointed singing, powerful sermons and the manifestations of the Holy Spirit. The revival spirit is continuing; we praise God for it. Pray for us that we will desire more of the power of God in our lives.

The baptistry was recently finished and 20 were baptized in water. The service was so wonderful and impressive.

We are keenly aware that God has placed his approval on our good pastor, the Reverend B. Paul Jones. We are now enjoying our beautiful church building which was started and completed under his supervision. God has honored us greatly by giving us Brother and Sister Jones for the good shepherd of His flock at Ashland, Ohio.

—Ruth E. Wolf, reporter

Child Deaf From Birth Healed

TUPMAN, Calif.—We have had a wonderful revival. Several prayed through and the Lord healed earaches, influenza, and heart attacks. Also, an especially outstanding healing was witnessed. Sister Ivey's little girl had been deaf from birth and was attending a deaf school. The Lord gave her hearing. We do praise the Lord; He is so good to us.

Our evangelists were Sister Collins and Sister Russell. We also had several visiting ministers who helped out with the music and singing. Pray for us here at Tupman.
—F. C. Coulston, pastor

Good Revival in Lecompte

LECOMPTÉ, La.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here with the Reverend Lawrence Jones of Birmingham, Alabama, as the evangelist. Three were saved, 4 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost and 5 added to the Church.

We thank God for the inspiring messages preached by Brother Jones each night. God is moving in a great way in our church. Our good pastor is the Reverend Alonzo Wright.

—Mrs. Grace Phillips Day, reporter

Twenty-five Saved in Seagraves

SEAGRAVES, Tex.—In a recent revival 25 were saved, 21 sanctified, 21 filled with the Holy Ghost, 16 baptized in water and 5 added to the Church. There were 3 saved and 2 filled with the Holy Ghost in the regular services before the revival started. The Reverend G. E. Anthony was the evangelist for the revival. The Reverend Muri McCoy, the pastor, did the baptizing in water and received the members in the Church.

—C. W. Collins
Overseer of Northwestern Texas

Good Revival in Denver City

DENVER CITY, Tex.—The Reverend Muri McCoy and son, Shelby, conducted a revival in which 7 were saved, 4 sanctified and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost. The Reverend James R. Radford is the pastor.

—C. W. Collins
Overseer of Northwestern Texas

Thirty Saved in Good Revival

ODESSA, Tex.—The Reverend C. G. Crutcher was the evangelist for a revival at the Odessa Church of God. Thirty were saved, 17 sanctified, 23 filled with the Holy Ghost, 10 added to the Church and 14 baptized in water. Two were saved,

1 sanctified, 1 filled with the Holy Ghost and 2 added to the Church the week after the revival closed. The Reverend W. R. Collins is the pastor.

—C. W. Collins
Overseer of Northwestern Texas

Brownfield Church Is Blessed

BROWNFIELD, Tex.—Four were saved, 10 sanctified, 11 filled with the Holy Ghost, 9 added to the Church and 18 baptized in water in a recent revival at the Church of God in Brownfield, Texas. The evangelist was the Reverend Cleburn Byus, and the pastor is the Reverend W. E. Mitchell.

—C. W. Collins
Overseer of Northwestern Texas

God Blesses in Regular Services

RANGER, Tex.—Eight have been saved, 6 sanctified, 6 filled with the Holy Ghost in the past thirty days in the regular services at the Church of God in Ranger, Texas. The Reverend J. C. Atkins is the pastor.

—C. W. Collins
Overseer of Northwestern Texas

Outstanding Services in Fitzgerald

FITZGERALD, Ga.—A two-week revival has just closed at Fitzgerald with Brother James Edward Holloway of Empire, Alabama, as our evangelist.

God was in the meeting and we had some outstanding services. Many of the members were revived. Ten were saved, 3 sanctified, 3 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 3 united with the Church. There may be more reported here that we will hear of later.

We thank God for Brother Holloway. He is an old-fashioned preacher, a humble man of God who lets the Spirit lead the services. He was a blessing to our church. Pray for us to be an over-coming church. Our pastor is Brother D. T. Toler.

—Shirley Hester, reporter

Seventy Saved in Outstanding Revival

CLAYTON, N. C.—The Clayton, North Carolina, Church of God has just closed a great revival with the Reverend James Poe Jackson of Hixson, Tennessee, as the evangelist. It was the greatest revival the church can remember having. Seventy were saved, 28 sanctified, 27 filled with the Holy Ghost and 28 added to the Church. Brother Jack-

son preaches under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and he believes in the leading of the Spirit. In our revival people were made to know that God still has a peculiar people who believe in obeying Him. People came from far and near and were saved. A number were healed and the entire church was drawn closer to God. Brother and Sister Jackson were a great blessing to us and will be a help to anyone who appreciates old-time holiness preaching.

—Rev. A. A. Hannah, pastor

Christ-centered Messages Are Blessing

PELZER, S. C.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here in Pelzer with Brother J. David Pitts of Atlanta, Georgia, as our visiting minister. We were made to rejoice night after night as he preached God's plain and wonderful truths. His Christ-centered, well-balanced, and power-packed messages were a real blessing to all who attended. Sinners were converted, saints were revived, and the sick were healed. This was certainly a revival in the fullest sense of the word. We gladly and wholeheartedly welcome Brother and Sister Pitts to Pelzer again.

We were honored during our meeting to have with us Brother Houston R. Morehead, General Overseer; Brother H. B. Ramsey, Overseer of South Carolina; Brother Thomas Grassano, Youth Director; 25 pastors and evangelists and others coming from 25 different churches. We thank them for coming.

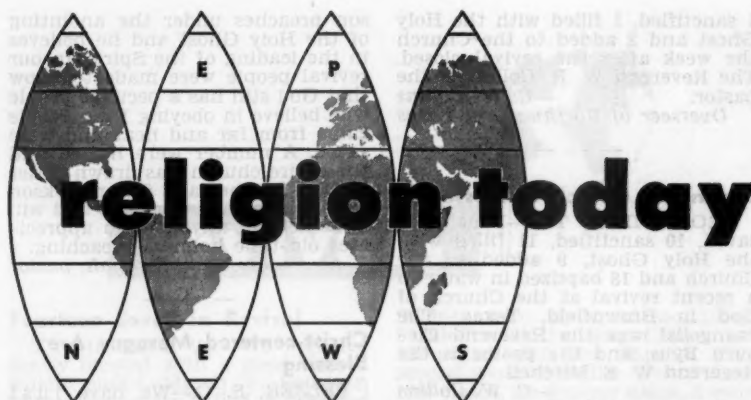
We thank the Lord for the response of our fine people here. God has blessed our church. For the past year we have had new people attending our services almost every Sunday. For thirteen months we have had an increase in Sunday School over the same month of the past year. These Pelzerians are working, praying, trusting, and expecting even greater things to come. Brother Tom W. Day is the pastor.

—W. Troy Hamby, clerk

Power of God Manifested in Revival

MCDONALD, Tenn.—The Pine Hill Church reports a great revival with Walter Stafford from Lee College as the evangelist. The power of God was greatly manifested in the services, gifts were in operation and people were healed, saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. Nineteen were saved, 5 sanctified, and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother James Forgey is the pastor.

—Mrs. H. A. Mikel, reporter



NEEDED—A SUNDAY SCHOOL REVOLUTION!

Sunday School secretaries from 17 different denominations and a number of other Sunday School leaders met in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, January 7-10 for what Dr. Clate A. Risley, executive secretary of NSSA, termed one of the most important meetings of the year.

Called together annually by the National Sunday School Association these leaders discussed the Sunday School needs, especially in the United States. Realistically aware of the major problems they laid plans designed to correct past failures and increase Sunday School efficiency to the maximum in the coming years.

MISSILE AGE PROGRAM

Out-of-date procedures, the behind-the-time ideas were blamed for the weak areas in the average Sunday School. The leaders agreed

that methods as modern as the missile must be coupled together with the message of God's Word to reach today's man. With modern mechanics and supernatural dynamics a Sunday School revolution is inevitable.

ATTITUDE SURVEY CONSIDERED

A Sunday School attitude survey designed to point out needy areas in the Sunday School program was presented by Mr. Willard Erickson, a specialist in the field of industrial relations. The decision to continue the study of this project indicates Sunday School leaders' willingness to open their eyes to every possible criticism and avenue of improvement. There is hope that such a program may enable the top leaders to help the local leadership determine their needs and how they can plan to meet them. These national leaders were well aware of the fact that it is one thing for them to be alert to needs,

and another thing to have the local churches alert to these needs.

Again the national secretaries recognized the pastor as the key personality in bringing about a Sunday School revolution at the local church level. Encouraged by the increased interest of pastors in all denominational groups they felt that a still greater interest was one of the major hurdles blocking increased efficiency.

ARCHITECTURAL NEEDS STUDIED

Mr. Joseph Kimbel, guest architect, addressed the group. A discussion of present needs in Sunday School building followed. Many Sunday Schools are investing large sums of money in poorly designed facilities. Although small classes were favored by most of the representatives, it was agreed that buildings should be functionally designed with the department given primary consideration. The group hopes that more specific help can be given to local churches in the near future.

FUTURE EMPHASES

Although the perennial slogan of the National Sunday School Association is "Revitalizing the Sunday Schools of America" it was determined that a current theme continuing through 1960 with annual adaptations would be "Christ for the Millions . . . NOW!"

Dr. Edwin J. Potts, NSSA editorial assistant, in his message on "The Home and the Sunday School" reminded the leaders of the importance of keeping the Sunday School and church family-conscious in all its program planning. He stated that many of our programs defeat their own purpose by dividing rather than unifying the family.

SOLUTIONS SUMMARIZED

Dr. Risley summarized the four-day conference by saying, "We must have a balanced up-to-date program in which all aspects of Christian education are manned and planned with unity and with the pastor taking more than an active interest, through vigorous leadership. In order that this may be done better we must strengthen the ties between the local church, the denominations, all Christian schools, and NSSA. Together we may expect to make great strides of progress; alone we shall be defeated.

Those attending the conference were:

Miss Mavis Anderson
Christian and Missionary Alliance
Rev. Charles Denton
Assemblies of God
Rev. Paul Elliott
Pilgrim Holiness
Rev. Harold Etling
National Fellowship of Brethren

Mr. M. R. Evans
 Foursquare Gospel, rep.
 Rev. Chester H. Fast
 Mennonite Brethren
 Owen W. Glassburn
 Paul R. Langdon
 Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends
 Rev. Kenneth Geiger
 United Missionary Church
 Rev. Tillman Habegger
 Missionary Church Association
 Rev. Herb Hazzard
 Conservative Baptist, rep.
 Rev. Aaron Markuson
 Evangelical Mission Covenant
 Rev. Royal S. Nelson
 Free Methodist
 Rev. O. W. Polen
 Church of God
 Rev. D. Kenneth Reisinger
 Evangelical Teacher Training
 Miss Wanna Sell
 United Brethren in Christ, rep.
 Rev. Lester Spencer
 Mr. William Jones
 American Sunday School Union
 Rev. Lawrence Swanson
 Baptist General Conference
 Rev. Leonard Wymore
 National Christian Education
 Convention

South Africa Bible Version Alters Song of Solomon

A new version of the Bible has appeared in Capetown, South Africa, in which the Song of Solomon has been rewritten to comply with the country's stringent segregation laws. The version is in South African Dutch, who have enacted what are perhaps the sternest color laws in the world.

The established version of Song of Solomon 1:5 describing the "Rose of Sharon—lily of the valley" reads: "I am black but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem. . . ." The revised Afrikaans Bible gives Solomon's desired one a healthy tan. It reads: "I am comely, and burnt brown by the sun. . . ."

Clergymen Entitled to Deduction for Utilities

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—The Internal Revenue Service said here that a minister who receives his parsonage rent-free but pays for his utilities can deduct the cost of these utilities for income tax purposes if a part of his salary is set aside as a "housing allowance."

Such allowance will be deductible from gross income for tax purposes to the extent actually used to pay utility bills.

The provision is retroactive to Jan. 1, 1955. A minister can be eligible for a refund on 1955 and 1956 taxes if his church adopts a resolution retroactively designating

that part of his income is a housing allowance.

Tax officials said that such retroactive resolutions should be adopted by Dec. 31, 1957.

The housing allowance does not have to be paid the clergyman by separate check. It merely needs to be set up on the books of the church or religious agency so that it is separately identifiable.

The Internal Revenue Service made its statement to clarify a utility provision in new regulations for clergymen which it issued in June. Those regulations enable many clergymen to claim refund for taxes paid on housing allowances in the years 1954-56.

They also exempt from taxes any expense incurred by a clergyman in obtaining housing, including amounts paid for purchase of a house or for maintenance and utilities in a house already owned by him.

Anglican Theologian Asks "Will Spacemen Need Christ?"

One of the most provocative articles in any religious publication since the Russians launched their earth-circling satellite appeared recently in the *Anglican Theological Review*. Theologian James M. Malloch wrote that all of the questions in Christology raised by the possibility of millions of other inhabited planets in the universe are just as real as they are speculative. They are more staggering, Dr. Malloch believes, than the religious problems created by the theory of evolution in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. He raised the question of whether the church will need to provide missionaries for Mars, and wondered if the spacemen will need Christ.

Dr. Malloch came to no conclusions in his brief article, but he did ask some very important questions. For instance he wrote:

"Due to advancing astronomical knowledge, theologians are beginning to be aware of a very big problem. . . . What has God done to redeem those beings inhabiting other planets or do they need redemption like the human race?"

" . . . We can imagine that God incarnates Himself in conscious intelligent life on other planets, as He has done for this planet (but) this introduces a new idea into Christianity. . . . This idea would stretch the incarnation astronomically. It also staggers the Christian imagination. . . . It is not easy to think of a million Bethlehems and a million Golgothas. . . ."

Dr. Malloch ventured a solution: ". . . Is it possible that in the Bible there is *implicit* a doctrine of universal salvation, which is being

made *explicit* in our time by astronomy, making earth the cosmic altar and Jesus the cosmic sacrificial victim? Does the unity of creation and providence imply a unity of redemption also?"

Finally, Dr. Malloch raised another question: "If we reach Mars will we be under obligation to evangelize it? Does the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20 extend beyond our planet earth? Or if we found another faith on Mars, would we have to accept it as the gift of God to another planet with which we had no business whatever to interfere? If we moved to Mars to live permanently, would we be obligated to accept for ourselves the God-given religion we found there or would we be expected to remain permanently Christians anywhere in the universe, because we are human?"

The article concludes with a challenge: "Theologians have handled successfully, I think, the problems in Christianity raised successively by Copernicus, Galileo and Darwin. Let them now tackle the serious theological problem raised by Mars."

U.S. Census Bureau Release Report on Mixed Marriages

A further report based on a sampling last year by the U.S. Census Bureau, when it was testing the possibility of including a question concerning religious preference, indicates that six per cent of the married couples in the U.S. have different religious faiths.

The estimate of marital status indicated that there are 26.9 million marriages where both partners are Protestant, 8.3 million Roman Catholic, and 1.2 million Jewish. In mixed marriages, there are 2,255,000 between a Protestant and a Catholic; 57,000 between a Protestant and a Jew; and 41,000 between a Catholic and a Jew.

Contrary to popular belief, the survey showed that Roman Catholic families are not larger than Protestant ones. It indicated that 66.2 per cent of the population identify themselves as Protestants and have 68.8 per cent of the children under 14. About 25.7 per cent are Roman Catholics and have 26.5 per cent of the children. About 3.2 per cent are Jewish, with only 2.5 per cent of the children.

Washington Post Hits Jesuit Public Aid Bid

Jesuit proposals for federal aid to all education, if they represent the Roman Catholic Church as a whole, could doom any federal aid program. This point was contained

in an editorial published recently in the *Washington Post*. The editorial attacked a proposal made earlier in the month by 28 Jesuit college presidents. The Jesuit proposals further endanger two principles, the *Post* said — those of separation of church and state and of independence of private schools.

Jesuit college presidents announced their proposal that money in President Eisenhower's current program for federal aid for scientific education be distributed across the board to all educational institutions. Speaking in favor of federal aid to education but against aid to private and sectarian schools, the *Post* editorial said: "Their (the Jesuit) support of federal aid to private schools is disastrous and could, if they speak for the Catholic Church as a whole, irretrievably doom any federal aid program."

The *Post* editorial declared that the federal government could not aid sectarian schools without "demanding of them a conformity, already given by the public schools, to the idea of free schooling for all applicants, to commonly accepted doctrines of education and to the principle of separation of church and state." The paper then asked, "Could church schools . . . accept aid from Caesar without rendering a good deal unto Caesar in return?"

In a word of caution to those proposing federal aid "for all institutions," the *Post* said "they open up a controversy involving complex questions of constitutional law and fundamental principles of the American political system." The *Post* valued very highly the place of independent and parochial schools in this country. It pointed out that their distinctive contribution had been made largely because of their independence and freedom from government control. "That independence," concluded the editorial, "ought not to be compromised in an effort which can operate, as it has done in the past, only to deprive public schools of aid which they desperately need and are entitled to receive."

NEW YORK — Four additional U.S. publishing firms have been authorized to publish the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, starting in 1962, and a contract with a fifth is in negotiation. This step by the National Council of Churches, which holds the copyright on the R.S.V., will end the monopoly which Thomas Nelson and Sons have had on the printing of the new Bible version. The development results from increasing use of the version. Since 1952 nearly 6 million copies of the R.S.V. Bible have been sold, plus 3½ million copies of the R.S.V. New Testament.



Religious News Service Photo

Where Satan Tempted Christ

This is the Mount of Temptation where Christ is believed to have been tempted by Satan following His fast of 40 days and 40 nights.



Religious News Service Photo

Nazareth

This is a striking view of Nazareth in Galilee, the town where Mary and Joseph lived and from where they journeyed south to Bethlehem.

Nazareth was the home of Jesus and here He received His religious training, both at home and in the synagogue. The hill on which Nazareth stands is honeycombed with tombs and ancient caves. Its religious shrines are visited by pilgrims from all over the free world.

Moscow Radio Complains of Religion's Increasing Influence

The Moscow Radio, in a German-language broadcast, complained that young Germans living in the USSR are becoming increasingly influenced by religion. It blamed the situation on the Komsomol, the Communist youth organization, which, it said, fails to provide them with interesting ways of spending their free time. As a result, the station said, these young people either "drift to drink, or allow themselves to be enticed into places of worship where they are diverted into a superstitious, religion-ridden way of life."

Minneapolis Pastor Reports Russian Self-Confidence Growth

The people of Moscow are not at all inclined to gloat over their sputniks and other scientific accomplishments, Dr. Reuben K. Youngdahl reported on his return from a visit to the Russian capital. "Invariably it was I who brought up the subject," he said. "And they were hesitant to talk to an American about it." Dr. Youngdahl, pastor of Mount Olive Lutheran church, Minneapolis, said this was not because they fear their police. "Rather," he said, "they were afraid of the reaction of an American."

He explained, "The Russians I spoke to are desperately afraid that their sputniks may lead to an arms race with the United States, and an eventual war. Everyone I spoke to soft-pedaled the military implications of their satellites." The Russian men-in-the-street, the clergyman added, are terribly worried about America's military buildup. And their rulers don't let them forget the American military bases all around them, he pointed out.

However, the Russians' self-confidence has grown since his last visit two years ago, Dr. Youngdahl observed. "Over and over they told me that they will conquer the world by peaceful means. They point to their progress and the way they are catching up with us, and say it won't be too long."

LONDON — A member of the British Parliament, returning from Russia, reported an odd complaint against the Baptists in Russia. He said an organ of the Communist youth organization labelled Baptists as "particularly dangerous, for among them the laymen are also evangelists." The paper complained that "every Russian Baptist tries to win at least one adherent to his faith."



family devotions



By RUBY SLAY, Chattanooga, Tennessee

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

Monday, May 19
Scripture, Psalm 46:10

"Be still, and know that I am God." To be still is not in character for the average American today. In this age when leisure time is reportedly more abundant than ever before, life is quite complex with all its hustle. A Bedouin was once asked, "How do you know whether there be a God?" He replied, "How do I know whether a camel or a man passed my tent last night? By the footprints in the sand." God help us to become still enough to notice His footprints and see if we are walking therein.

May we learn to be still and let God talk to us.

Tuesday, May 20
Scripture, Psalm 23:1

"The Lord is my shepherd. . . ." Let us learn as Luther did; looking out of his window one summer evening, he saw on a tree at hand a little bird making preparations for a night's rest. "Look," said he, "how that little fellow preaches faith to us all. He takes hold of his twig, tucks his head under his wing, and goes to sleep, leaving God to think for him." If the Lord is really our Shepherd He is capable of leading us in paths of righteousness.

May we learn to follow Jesus.

Wednesday, May 21
Scripture, Hebrews 10:23

"He is faithful that promised." Oliver Cromwell's secretary was dispatched to the continent on some important business. He stayed one night at a seaport town, and tossed on his bed, unable to sleep. He awakened his servant telling him he was afraid something would go wrong with the embassy. The valet began to ask his master a few questions.

"Master, did God rule the world before we were born?"

"Most assuredly He did," was the answer.

"And will He rule it again after we are dead?"

"Certainly He will."

"Then, master, why not let Him rule the present, too?"

May we learn to trust Jesus.

Thursday, May 22
Scripture, Genesis 18:14

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" We have been told by the Lord to cast our cares upon Him, for He cares for us. Nothing is too hard for our God, and our load would be so much lighter and our path so much brighter if we could only learn to trust in Him. Macduff said, "Trust God where you cannot trace Him. Do not try to penetrate the cloud He brings over you; rather look to the bow that is on it. The mystery is God's; the promise is yours!"

May we cast our all upon Jesus.

Friday, May 23
Scripture, Proverbs 30:5

"... He is a shield unto them that put their trust in him." If God be for us who can be against us? One writer said, "He is my sword and my shield." Flee in your troubles to Jesus Christ. No man ever had so kind a friend as He, or so good a Master. View Him not at a distance, but as a prop, a stay and a Comforter, a present help in time of need. He it is who will fight our battles for us if only we ask Him to do so.

May we learn to let Him fight our battles for us.

Saturday, May 24
Scripture, Matthew 11:28

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." This invitation is so gracious, so easy, and yet so hard to accept. We can receive this "rest" from the Lord by kneeling at an altar of prayer. This altar may be anywhere we can meet Jesus. It is so difficult in these busy days to relax and spend some time with the Lord! We hear so much today of vitamin deficiencies and ailments caused by their shortage in our bodies. Yet, many souls today are suffering from a spiritual deficiency that could be remedied by consulting the great Physician, the sympathizing Saviour.

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